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**IMPORT HEALTH REQUIREMENTS OF MEXICO FOR BREEDING
SHEEP EXPORTED FROM THE UNITED STATES**
**REQUISITOS ZOOSANITARIOS DE MEXICO PARA EXPORTAR OVEJAS PARA
REPRODUCCIÓN DE LOS ESTADOS UNIDOS**

The animals must be accompanied by a U.S. Origin Health Certificate issued by a veterinarian so authorized by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and endorsed by a Veterinary Services veterinarian. The certificate shall contain the name and address of the consignor and the consignee, and individual identification including the breed, sex, age, and tattoo number and/or ear tag of the animals to be exported. Additional information shall include:

Los animales deben estar acompañados de un Certificado de Salud expedido por un Médico Veterinario acreditado por el Departamento de Agricultura de los Estados Unidos y endosado por un veterinario de Servicios Veterinarios (USDA). El certificado debe contener el nombre y la dirección del cosignador, del cosignatario y la identificación individual de los animales señalando raza, sexo, edad y número de tatuaje y/o arete. La información adicional debe incluir.

CERTIFICATION STATEMENTS / CERTIFICACIONES

1. The animals for export have been enrolled in the Voluntary Scrapie Flock Certification Program for at least 12 months prior to the date of export. The sheep originate from a flock where, during the 5 years prior to export, scrapie has been neither confirmed nor suspected.
Los animales son originarios de un rebaño que ha estado inscrito en el programa voluntario de scrapie durante un mínimo de 12 meses antes de la fecha de exportación. En el rebaño de donde se originan los ovinos a exportar no se han presentado casos ni sospechas de scrapie, durante los 5 años anteriores a la fecha de exportación.
2. The animals were inspected and found to be free of any evidence of infectious or contagious diseases.
A la inspección previa a la exportación los ovinos no mostraron signos de enfermedades infectocontagiosas.
3. The United States is free of Boophilus spp.
Los Estados Unidos es país libre de garrapata Boophilus spp..
4. The animals have not been fed ruminant origin meat and bone meal.
Los animales no fueron alimentados con harinas de carne y hueso de origen rumiante.
5. In the country of origin, there are animal health regulations that forbid the feeding of ruminant origin meat and bone meal to ruminant animals.
En el país de origen existe reglamentación zoosanitaria vigente que prohíbe alimentar a los rumiantes con harinas de carne y hueso de origen rumiante.

6. The animals are transported in cleaned and disinfected vehicles, and do not come into contact with any other animals not part of the shipment.

Los animales son transportados en vehículos limpios y desinfectados y no están en contacto con otros animales que no son parte del envío.

Note: As of August 16, 2003, the following certifications will replace the current statement

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1. No ram in the flock is the offspring of an ewe affected with scrapie or that had produced any offspring affected with scrapie.
Ningún Borrego del rebaño es hijo de una hembra afectada con scrapie o que haya producido progenie que haya sido afectada por scrapie.
2. No ewe in the flock has been pregnant with germ plasm from a flock affected with scrapie during the last 5 years.
Ninguna hembra del rebaño a importar ha sido preñada durante 5 años inmediatamente anteriores al embarque, con germoplasma de un rebaño infectado con scrapie
3. No ram has belong to a flock or has been in contact with rams or goats that had been in a flock under suspicion or diagnosed positive to scrapie during the last 5 year prior to export.
Los borregos no han pertenecido a un rebaño y no han tenido contacto con borregos o cabras que hayan estados en un rebaño en el cual se haya sospechado o diagnosticado scrapie durante los 5 años anteriores al embarque.

TESTING REQUIREMENTS / PRUEBAS REQUERIDAS

The animals were tested for the following diseases with negative results within 30 days of export:

Brucella ovis (RAMS only): Complement fixation test; OR Elisa; OR the animals proceed from a flock certified as *Brucella ovis* free by having two negative consecutive tests, the second test must be conducted 3 to 10 months after the first test.

OTHER INFORMATION / INFORMACIÓN ADICIONAL

1. All sheep intended for export shall be identified by an ear tag or tattoo.
2. All animals will be unloaded and inspected by a Mexican veterinarian at a facility in the United States at one of the following border points: Brownsville, Texas; Del Rio, Texas; Presidio, Texas; Eagle Pass, Texas; El Paso, Texas; Laredo, Texas; Rio Grande City, Texas; and Douglas, Arizona.
3. The animals must be transported in cleaned and disinfected vehicles.

4. The U.S. Origin Health Certificate must be typewritten. Mexican Port Veterinarians will reject any certificates that are handwritten.
5. NOTE: Accredited veterinarians, exporters, and brokers should be advised that Mexican animal health authorities at the ports are carefully examining all animals and will reject any animals found with lesions (particularly with oral lesions).
6. Although not part of the official requirements, Mexico recommends to the importer that the animals originate from a flock where no clinical evidence of contagious ecthyma, bluetongue, or ovine progressive pneumonia has been reported during the 6 months prior to the date of embarkation, and that they have not been vaccinated against contagious ecthyma during the 60 days prior to exportation.

